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EDITORIAL

THE NEW ORLEANS MEETING was a noteworthy one in many ways. Perhaps the setting and environment had much to do with its success. The total registration in the A. A. A. S. headquarters was 1,447, while at Cleveland last year the figure exceeded 2,700. While our own attendance at New Orleans fell below that of Cleveland, yet it made a much better relative showing than did the main registration, and compares favorably with the average of the preceding five years. The following figures present a statistical comparison of the Club's affairs during the past five years.

	Nashville 1927	Ann Arbor 1928	Des Moines 1929	Cleveland 1930	New Orleans 1931
Local attendance	32	31	106	41	11
Out of town attendance.....	43	75	96	122	81
Total attendance	75	106	202	163	92
Dinner attendance	46	50	77	98	35
Titles on program.....	34	24	36	33	27
Honorary members	4	4	9	7	7
Life members	---	---	5	7	7
Sustaining members	68	64	66	58	57
Active members	244	248	245	227	214
Associate members	347	383	397	479	461
Total membership	663	702	717	775	744
Total receipts	\$1638	\$1981	\$2167	\$2451	\$2686
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As a basis for planning our future meetings the following meeting schedule of the A. A. A. S. will be of interest:

- 1932. Atlantic City, N. J.
- 1933. Boston, Mass.
- 1934. Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1935. Havana, Cuba.
- 1936. Washington, D. C.
- 1937. Indianapolis, Ind.
- 1938. Atlanta or Houston.

The American Association plans to hold a summer meeting in Chicago in 1933 (June 19-30) during the World's Fair. Now that these dates have been fixed the W. O. C. may consider whether it wishes to join in this summer meeting at the World's Fair; if so, will a winter meeting in the same year be advisable? It is interesting to note that the American Association is planning to use \$75,000 to bring to this meeting seventy-five scientists as guests from foreign countries.

The New Orleans meeting was productive of several changes in our official list. The officers and councillors were at this meeting elected under the new constitution which was adopted a year ago at Cleveland. Dr. Jesse M. Shaver, who has been Secretary for three years, was made President. His active and efficient work in the Secretary's office has placed the organization under deep obligation to him.

Professor E. L. Moseley, who was made First Vice President, has been, since 1914, the professor of Biology at Ohio State College, Bowling Green, Ohio. Besides being a member of various scientific societies, Prof. Moseley has written several books and numerous papers in various fields of biological science. He also has the honor of having named after him a fish, a bird, and a species of golden-rod. Prof. Moseley is also credited with having discovered the cause of a disease known as "the Trembles", or the milk sickness. He was a member of the Steere Scientific Expedition to the Philippine Islands in 1888.

Dr. Josselyn Van Tyne, who was elected Second Vice President, is now Curator of Birds in the Museum of Zoology of the University of Michigan. He is a graduate of Harvard University, received his Ph. D. from the University of Michigan in 1928, and remained there. He has worked out some excellent life history studies of birds at Barro Colorado Laboratory in Panama; and was ornithologist with the Kelley-Roosevelt Expedition to Indo-China in 1929, and also with the University of Michigan Expedition to British Honduras and Guatemala in 1931.

Our new Secretary, Mr. Lawrence E. Hicks, is a young man who was graduated from the Frederickstown High School in 1923. In 1928 he received the B. S. from Otterbein College, and in 1929 he received the M. S. from Ohio State University. He is now pursuing work for the Ph. D. while serving as instructor in the Department of Botany in the same university. He is a member of the Ohio Academy of Science, A. A. A. S., American Botanical Society, American Ecological Society, Wilson Ornithological Club, American Ornithologists' Union, Sigma Xi, and Gamma Alpha. His interest seems to be about equally divided between Botany and Ornithology, and he has done a splendid lot of research in both fields. He has accepted the heavy duties of his present office with enthusiasm, and we are certain that he will receive the cordial support of our members.

THE W. O. C. LIBRARY is in need of a book-plate. Members who are interested in such matters are invited to submit designs for a suitable book-plate for the books of the Club's Library. From those submitted a choice will be made and announced at a future time. No decision has been made, but it is probable that the book-plate should have a space for the accession number; and possibly also a space for the donor's name.

IT IS INTERESTING to note that the electrical devices which Mr. Baldwin has been using to determine the temperatures and the comings and goings of birds in the nest are now being placed in cribs to register the behavior of human babies.